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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING RATE

DETERMINATION ERRORS AND THEIR ARTIFACTS

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97, a list of documents is disclosed on the attached form PTO-1449 that may be material to the patentability of this application. A copy of each of the documents is included herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

No inference should be drawn that the attached list represents a comprehensive investigation of the prior art; that any or all are pertinent to the invention; that the apparatus therein is analogous to the invention; or that any apparatus disclosed is the equivalent of the subject invention.

All of the Applicant(s)' claims are believed to be allowable over the references discussed above.

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